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Crime. A growing number of subway musicians and other underground performers claim they have been wrongfully arrested as part of the New York Police Department's crackdown on acrobats and dancers who illegally perform in subway cars. PAGE 02

Puppeteer Kalan Sherrard is one of the subway performers who claim that the NYPD has been cracking down on buskers and performers. / BESS ADLER, METRO

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NYPD snares buskers in crackdown on acrobats

Underground. The number of arrests for subway performers has jumped this year.

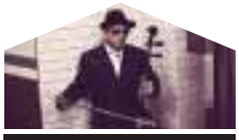
Earlier this year, the NYPD's policy of targeting quality-of-life violations found a new target: subway dancers.

"Is it a significant crime? Certainly not. Does it have the potential both for creating a level of fear as well as a level of risk that you want to deal with?" Police Commissioner William Bratton said, when asked back in June.

According to many performers, the crackdown against dancers and acrobats on train cars, which is illegal, has impacted those performers and buskers who follow MTA-mandated rules for performing legally on subway platforms.

In April, 26-year-old puppeteer Kalan Sherrard was arrested while performing at the 42nd Street subway station. He was charged with panhandling, which was dismissed two months later.

As of July 27, according to the NYPD, 243 performers have been arrested in the subway system compared to 51 over the same period last year. "In an effort to better respond to complaints, transit authorities have established a system for follow-ups on those complaints," a spokesperson for the police department said.



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Crackdown

"Three-fourths of the cops out there don't want to mess with us. But they're under orders."

Heidi Kole, veteran busker and author of "The Subway Diaries"

Some say that this system is adversely affecting the busking culture that defines New York subways. "The subways are dead right now," Mathew Christian, a subway violinist, said. "There are very few musicians out there. It's risky to be out there with untrained officers."

Christian was arrested by the NYPD in 2011 and successfully sued the police department, for which he was awarded a $30,000 settlement in spring of last year. In 2012, he formed BuskNY, an advocacy group for busker rights that works with over 130 performers.

"The solution," Christian said, "is that New Yorkers need to have a clear understanding of what is legal. The public needs to know so they can step up to defend buskers."

Dancers caught on the subway face charges of reckless endangerment or disorderly conduct, which Sherrard believes is too harsh.

There have been no reported cases of injuries, either to dancers or subway passengers.

"The cops don't really care about the crackdown," says Andrew "Goofy" Saunders, 20, a dancer and member of We Are Family For Life Entertainment. "They just do what the bosses tell them. They say it's dangerous but they don't reach out to us to at least have a conversation."

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Puppeteer Kalan Sherrard, left, 26, performs for crowds at the Union Square L train stop. Mathew Christian, a violinist started BuskNY after being arrested and winning a lawsuit against the NYPD. / BESS ADLER AND MILES DIXON, METRO

Albany

NY State bans 'tiger selfies'

Online daters will have to find a new way to impress prospective mates now that New York state has officially banned selfies with lions, tigers and other big cats.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed off on a law that prohibits any direct contact between camera-seeking individuals and wild cats regardless of training.

Manhattan Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal, who sponsored the original bill, applauded the move as not a ban on "tiger selfies" but one that reinforces consumer and animal protection.

The trend of poses with the fearsome felines has also reportedly taken off in social media and dating websites.

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Transit. New neighborhood maps coming to all subway stations

The new map / MTA

Knowing the way above ground will soon be easier for riders underground.

New neighborhood maps will be installed in all 468 subway stations, the MTA said Tuesday.

Five stations in Brooklyn already have the guides, which are part of a partnership between the MTA and city's Department of Transportation. The MTA is working with DOT to get the guides system-wide.

Each of the new maps cover 12 blocks unique to individual stations, with information on Citi Bike stations, bus stops and how long it will take to walk to certain destinations. **ANNA SANDERS**

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Creative ways city dwellers make ends meet

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Our Second Shift series features people finding creative ways to make money. This week, meet a guy who got involved with a start-up because he felt trapped by the corporate environment.

The stats

Jason Anderson

Age: 33
Residency: Chelsea
Lives with: Two roommates
Number of jobs: 2

Anderson / RICARDO BIRNBAUM

How did your start-up business come about?
Over the years, I've worked in commercial art, advertising and branding. I know how to do a lot of things, but in every job I'd had, I kept hitting my head on the glass ceiling ... so when a friend reached out to me about starting a technology company about three years ago, I said yes.

You also work full time. How do you have time to do both jobs?
I work full time, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., as an art director at a really large clothing company. At 6 p.m., I head to my Web design office and stay there until about 9 or 10 at night. I go to the gym from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. I get home around 11 p.m. and drop dead every night.

So no one is meeting up with you for happy hour during the week.
I haven't seen happy hour in three years.

How do you stay refreshed when you start working your second job?
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New York City. Study: Mass transit makes city more affordable

Fares might be going up next year, but public transportation plays a significant role in keeping New York City more affordable, according to a new report by a New York City budget watchdog group.

Using federally collected data, the Citizens Budget Commission compared salaries, living expenses and transportation costs in large cities.

Although last year's Census numbers indicated 20 percent of New Yorkers fall below the federal poverty threshold, the CBC argues that because millions of residents rely on buses and subways, it helps balance out the higher costs of living here.

"It's the MTA that makes New York City more affordable, and New Yorkers should recognize the importance of adequately maintaining and funding our public transit system," said Charles Brecher, CBC's consulting research director.

The MTA delighted in the findings.

"We're glad the report highlights that riding with the MTA is still the best deal in town, providing 8.5 million people each day with safe, reliable service while fueling our region's $1.4 trillion economy," said MTA spokesman Kevin Ortiz. **CHESTER JESUS SORIA**

Cost offset

While many advocates are concerned about the city's income gap and affordability, the watchdog group found that housing costs are somewhat offset by the low cost of mass transit.

- A $112 monthly MetroCard isn't bad, the group argues, compared to long commutes and the price of gas.

Tribute to comic genius at Carolines

People gather at a makeshift memorial on Tuesday for actor Robin Williams in front of Carolines on Broadway comedy club. New Yorkers left flowers and pictures of the actor to pay tribute to him. Williams used to perform at Carolines back when he lived in the city. He died after hanging himself on Monday at his home in California. / GETTY IMAGES

Manhattan

NYPD: Man, 72, knocked to ground in West Village

A 72-year-old man was knocked to the ground in an apparently random West Village attack on Monday, police said.

The victim was punched in the face as he walked past a man waiting in front of 99 Jane Street at around 5:30 p.m., the NYPD said.

The man was knocked into a doorway and the attacker fled, video shows. The victim was treated for cuts and bruises to his face at an area hospital, police said. **ANNA SANDERS**

Watch video of the incident at Metro.us. / NYPD

Brooklyn

DA: $500K stolen from jazz musician Cecil Taylor

A Long Island man is accused of stealing a half-million dollars in prize money awarded to jazz musician Cecil Taylor.

Noel Muir, 54, was charged with second-degree grand larceny. Muir was working as a contractor on a Fort Greene brownstone next door to Taylor in June 2013 when the musician won a Kyoto Award with a gift of $500,000, the Brooklyn DA said.

Muir accompanied him to Japan, prosecutors said, and he allegedly instructed for the prize to be wired to his own company's account. **ANNA SANDERS**

By the numbers

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He faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

Atlantic City

Revel Casino to close by next month

The bankrupt Revel Casino Hotel in Atlantic City is set to close by Sept. 10 after its owner failed to find a buyer for the resort, marking the latest casualty for the gambling center.

"Despite the effort to improve the financial performance of Revel, it has not proved to be enough to put the property on stable financial footing," Revel AC, the parent of Revel Entertainment, said in a statement.

Revel's closure would put some 3,100 people out of work at the casino, according to the state Department of Labor. **METRO**

By the numbers

1.4K

Number of rooms in the Revel Casino resort

German artists claim they flagged bridge

Brooklyn. The white flags that flew over the Brooklyn Bridge caused quite a stir.

Police prepare to take down the white flags that were put over the Brooklyn Bridge. / GETTY IMAGES

The New York Times reported on Tuesday that German artists were behind the Brooklyn Bridge white flag stunt that upset city officials and left New Yorkers confused.

The Gray Lady spoke with artists Mischa Leinkauf, 37, and Matthias Wermke, 35, who said they replaced the stars and stripes on the bridge's two towers with hand-sewn white flags in honor of the bridge's designer, German-born John Roebling.

Roebling passed away on July 22, 1869, 144 years to the date that the flags were first spotted.

Late Tuesday, NYPD Deputy Commissioner Stephen Davis released a statement that the department "is aware of the public statements made by the German artists" and that the investigation is ongoing.

The Berlin-based duo provided The Times with photo and video evidence of their involvement, which they claim took place between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. that morning.

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Official response

Media frenzy

The sudden appearance of the flags set off a chain of events that ranged from mocking headlines to anger from elected officials.

"I think it was a wake-up call, and we're going to act on it very aggressively," Mayor Bill de Blasio told reporters.

The Manhattan district attorney's office launched an investigation into the alleged artsy prank, going so far as to subpoena the owners of a parody Twitter account that jokingly took credit for the stunt at the time.

"Whew," the feed of @BicycleLobby read on Tuesday with a link to The Times' story.

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JANUVIA (jah-NEW-vee-ah) should not be used in patients with type 1 diabetes or with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in the blood or urine). If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas), it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting it while taking JANUVIA.

Selected Risk Information About JANUVIA

Serious side effects can happen in people who take JANUVIA, including pancreatitis, which may be severe and lead to death. Before you start taking JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you've ever had pancreatitis. Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

Do not take JANUVIA if you are allergic to any of its ingredients, including sitagliptin. Symptoms of serious allergic reactions to JANUVIA, including rash, hives, and swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty breathing or swallowing, can occur. If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away.

Kidney problems, sometimes requiring dialysis, have been reported.

If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include headache, drowsiness, weakness, dizziness, confusion, irritability, hunger, fast heart beat, sweating, and feeling jittery.

Please read the Medication Guide on the adjacent page for more detailed information.

Your doctor may do blood tests before and during treatment with JANUVIA to see how well your kidneys are working. Based on these results, your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA. The most common side effects of JANUVIA are upper respiratory tract infection, stuffy or runny nose and sore throat, and headache.

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Medication Guide
JANUVIA® (jah-NEW-vee-ah) (sitagliptin) Tablets

Read this Medication Guide carefully before you start taking JANUVIA and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment. If you have any questions about JANUVIA, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?

Serious side effects can happen in people taking JANUVIA, including inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) which may be severe and lead to death.

Certain medical problems make you more likely to get pancreatitis.

Before you start taking JANUVIA:

Tell your doctor if you have ever had

- pancreatitis
- stones in your gallbladder (gallstones)
- a history of alcoholism
- high blood triglyceride levels
- kidney problems

Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

What is JANUVIA?

- JANUVIA is a prescription medicine used along with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with type 1 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in your blood or urine).
- If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) in the past, it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting pancreatitis while you take JANUVIA.
- It is not known if JANUVIA is safe and effective when used in children under 18 years of age.

Who should not take JANUVIA?

Do not take JANUVIA if:

- you are allergic to any of the ingredients in JANUVIA. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in JANUVIA.

Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to JANUVIA may include:

- rash
- raised red patches on your skin (hives)
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing

What should I tell my doctor before taking JANUVIA?

Before you take JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you:

- have or have had inflammation of your pancreas (pancreatitis).
- have kidney problems.
- have any other medical conditions.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if JANUVIA will harm your unborn baby. If you are pregnant, talk with your doctor about the best way to control your blood sugar while you are pregnant.

  Pregnancy Registry: If you take JANUVIA at any time during your pregnancy, talk with your doctor about how you can join the JANUVIA pregnancy registry. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. You can enroll in this registry by calling 1-800-986-8999.
- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. It is not known if JANUVIA will pass into your breast milk. Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby if you are taking JANUVIA.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take JANUVIA?

- Take JANUVIA 1 time each day exactly as your doctor tells you.
- You can take JANUVIA with or without food.
- Your doctor may do blood tests from time to time to see how well your kidneys are working. Your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA based on the results of your blood tests.
- Your doctor may tell you to take JANUVIA along with other diabetes medicines. Low blood sugar can happen more often when JANUVIA is taken with certain other diabetes medicines. See **"What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?"**.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not take two doses of JANUVIA at the same time.
- If you take too much JANUVIA, call your doctor or local Poison Control Center right away.
- When your body is under some types of stress, such as fever, trauma (such as a car accident), infection or surgery, the amount of diabetes medicine that you need may change. Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these conditions and follow your doctor's instructions.
- Check your blood sugar as your doctor tells you to.
- Stay on your prescribed diet and exercise program while taking JANUVIA.
- Talk to your doctor about how to prevent, recognize and manage low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), high blood sugar (hyperglycemia), and problems you have because of your diabetes.
- Your doctor will check your diabetes with regular blood tests, including your blood sugar levels and your hemoglobin A1C.

What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?

Serious side effects have happened in people taking JANUVIA.

- See **"What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?"**.
- **Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia)**. If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar, such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include:
  - headache
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  - fast heart beat
  - sweating
  - feeling jittery
- **Serious allergic reactions.** If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away. See **"Who should not take JANUVIA?"**. Your doctor may give you a medicine for your allergic reaction and prescribe a different medicine for your diabetes.
- **Kidney problems**, sometimes requiring dialysis

The most common side effects of JANUVIA include:

- upper respiratory infection
- stuffy or runny nose and sore throat
- headache

JANUVIA may have other side effects, including:

- stomach upset and diarrhea
- swelling of the hands or legs, when JANUVIA is used with rosiglitazone (Avandia®). Rosiglitazone is another type of diabetes medicine.

These are not all the possible side effects of JANUVIA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you, is unusual or does not go away.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store JANUVIA?

Store JANUVIA at 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).

Keep JANUVIA and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the use of JANUVIA

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes that are not listed in Medication Guides. Do not use JANUVIA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give JANUVIA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about JANUVIA. If you would like to know more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for additional information about JANUVIA that is written for health professionals. For more information, go to www.JANUVIA.com or call 1-800-622-4477.

What are the ingredients in JANUVIA?

Active ingredient: sitagliptin

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High blood sugar can be lowered by diet and exercise, and by certain medicines when necessary.

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Suicide. A conclusion of the investigation is still weeks away, said Marin County's assistant chief deputy coroner.

Fans in Boston memorialize Robin Williams at the bench where he filmed a scene from "Good Will Hunting." / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Oscar-winning actor and groundbreaking comedian Robin Williams hanged himself with a belt in his Northern California home after he had sought treatment for depression, a coroner said on Tuesday based on preliminary findings.

Williams was found dead by his personal assistant at midday on Monday in a bedroom. He was suspended from a belt wedged between a closet door and a door frame, Marin County's assistant chief deputy coroner, Keith Boyd, told a news conference.

"Mr. Williams' personal assistant became concerned at approximately 11:45 a.m. when he failed to respond to knocks on his bedroom door," said Boyd.

"His right shoulder area was touching the door with his body perpendicular to the door and slightly suspended. Mr. Williams at that time was cool to the touch with rigor mortis present in his body," Boyd added.

Officials also found a pocket knife near Williams and superficial cuts on his left wrist with dried red material that matched what was on the knife blade. It was not yet known if it was his blood. REUTERS

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"We're not discussing the note or a note at this point, as the investigation is ongoing." Boyd

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Demonstrations. Protesters in Missouri gather again after riots

More than 100 people marched at the St. Louis County courthouse on Tuesday to protest the police shooting of an unarmed black teenager, but the demonstration remained peaceful after two previous days of violence.

Protesters are calling for justice for Michael Brown, 18, who was shot to death in the back of a police car on Saturday, an end to what they say is harassment of blacks by the mostly white police force in Ferguson and the jailing of the officer who shot Brown.

Ferguson Police Chief Tom Jackson said police were determined to keep a lid on simmering tensions. Authorities had been expected to release the name of the officer involved in the shooting on Tuesday but the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, citing police, said on Tuesday the name would not be released. The race of the officer, a six-year veteran who is now on administrative leave, also has not been revealed.

The crowd in front of the St. Louis County Courthouse in nearby Clayton on Tuesday chanted "Hands up, don't shoot" – a reference to reports that Brown appeared to have been shot while holding his hands up in surrender.

"We've consistently had a problem," said St. Louis attorney Jerryl Christmas, who helped lead the protest. "There's a lack of diversity all the way up from the local police to the prosecutor's office into the judiciary." REUTERS

The FBI has opened a civil rights investigation into the racially charged case, and St. Louis County also is investigating the shooting. / GETTY IMAGES

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Facebook stunt. Mother charged after son sets himself on fire for video

A North Carolina woman is accused of helping record her teenage son set himself on fire after he doused his body with fingernail polish as part of a social media stunt, police said.

Janie Lachelle Talley, 41, watched as her 16-year-old son attempted to complete a "fire challenge" video for Facebook on July 29, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department said on Monday. The boy suffered minor burns on his chest and neck.

"The mother of the victim was present and aware of what her son was doing and facilitated the recording," a police statement said.

Police arrested Talley on Aug. 6 and charged her with contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile. REUTERS

Georgia

Couple accused of starving young girl kept in closet

Authorities are looking for the stepfather of a 15-year-old girl who was found earlier this month bruised and malnourished after allegedly being forced to live in a small closet, a police spokesman said on Tuesday.

The man, William Brown, 40, faces charges of child cruelty and false imprisonment along with the girl's mother, according to a police report made public late Monday. REUTERS

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Jennifer Hoyal Cuthill, lead author and earth scientist at Cambridge

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Visit us online at **Metro.us/omg** for more interviews.

How do you create the clothes? What is the design process?
The options in how to use a condom in art are very interesting: I'm always discovering new possibilities, in coloring, cutting or even fusing and melting the rubber. For me, this is the most charming part of my work. My new discovery was making tricot and crochet with condom stripes.

A lot of men are still reluctant to use a condom. Are you trying to educate people?
They really are, right? So that's why I raise the flag of re-education. I believe we must teach people about the importance of safe sex by using contraceptives. My main objective is to get people talking about the risks and positives of safe sex.
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Fashion can be seen as throwaway, so how can it make a difference?

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The dresses are not sold because they're used for campaigns, so they go out just for show at galleries, museums and art installations. But people do get interested, so, in Brazil, I'll soon offer more commercial clothes at an exhibition.

The dresses, unlike condoms, are for display only. / ADRIANA BERTINI

Bikes. After 23 million rides, no deaths in bike share programs

Against all odds — including novice riders, refusal to wear bike helmets and the daily crush of weaving, horn-blaring traffic — not a single rider in New York City's bike share program has been killed since it launched in May 2013, a Citi Bike representative said.

In fact, experts say no fatalities have been logged in any U.S. public bike share program since the first one launched in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 2007. There are now programs in 36 cities, including Boston, Chicago and San Francisco, with new services planned in Tampa, Florida, Boise, Idaho, Portland, Oregon and elsewhere.

While there is no central reporting clearinghouse for bike share fatalities, the safety record was confirmed by three alternative transportation experts like Susan Shaheen, co-director of the University of California at Berkeley's Transportation Sustainability Research Center.

No one has been killed and only 40 people have been hurt and required medical attention after 10.3 million rides, a Citi Bike representative said.

"The bikes are heavy, with a very low center of gravity, wide tires [and] drum brakes that keep the braking system dry even in inclement weather. And the bikes are geared so it is difficult to gain considerable speed," Shaheen said. REUTERS

A man rides a bike in New York. / AARON ADLER, METRO

Jokes and facts

When the program, sponsored by Citibank, was launched in May 2013, critics and late-night television hosts shared dire predictions for riders, some of whom were only then learning to ride.

- "The Daily Show" host Jon Stewart joked that the bike share program sparked a new business idea called "Jon Stewart's Street Brain Removal Service."

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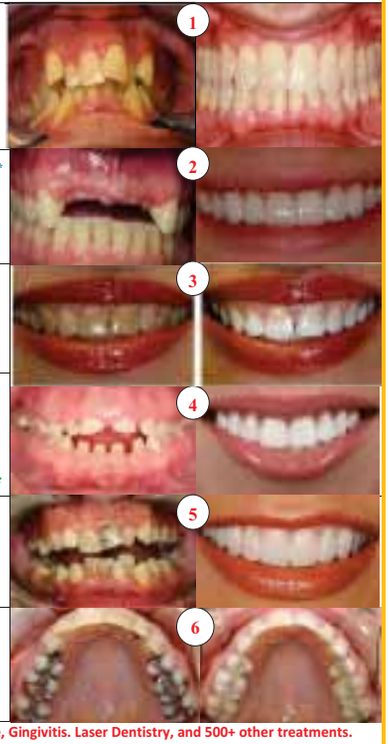

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1 Hilton will retweet your criticism

Are Paris Hilton's retweets of people mocking her a form of protest or a sign of self-delusion? Asking for a friend. OK, here's the deal: Word spread this week about how much the hotel heiress and sex tape entrepreneur pulls down for her work as a DJ in Ibiza this summer — and she's pulling down a lot. "She's making $2.7 million from the four nights — $347,000 an hour," a source tells the Sun. "The crowds do seem to enjoy it, but most are too off their faces to care that she's simply pressed play on a Beyonce mega-mix." Or maybe their expectations of Hilton's abilities are so low that they're actually blown away by her button-pressing abilities. But that's beside the point. As versions of this story have been popping up online, Hilton has been actively retweeting them in a seeming act of braggadocio. Here's the thing, though: She seems to be missing the point that this is not being reported as a good thing.

Paris Hilton may not understand the Internet. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

2 Stone may become the next Sally Bowles

Emma Stone is reportedly set to take over for Michelle Williams on Broadway in "Cabaret," according to one of the cattiest sources ever to talk to Radar Online. "Emma is replacing Michelle in 'Cabaret' at the end of November," the sneering secret-spiller says. "Producers are hoping it helps make them back their investment and stay open for another extension because Michelle didn't do the box office they were hoping for." Damn, anything else? Yes, actually: Apparently director Sam Mendes didn't even want Williams in the first place. "[Stone] was Sam Mendes' first choice, but had to drop out because Sony wouldn't accommodate the dates with 'Spider-Man 2.'"

3 Polanski to sit out film festival because, well, you know

Roman Polanski has elected to sit out this week's Locarno Film Festival in Switzerland, where he was set to receive a lifetime achievement award, present his latest film and teach a master class on directing. The decision comes after Polanski's planned attendance sparked outrage from those still calling for the "Chinatown" director's return to the U.S. to face 40-year-old statutory rape charges. "Dear friends, I am sorry to inform you that having considered the extent to which my planned appearance at the Locarno Festival provokes tensions and controversies among those opposed to my visit, even as I respect their opinions, it is with a heavy heart that I must cancel my visit. I am deeply saddened to disappoint you," Polanski said in a statement. Festival organizers, for their part, called the protests to Polanski's inclusion "unacceptable interference of some in the artistic liberty of the festival."

Roman Polanski never feels comfortable these days.

Talking point

Mila Kunis about to give birth — in a month

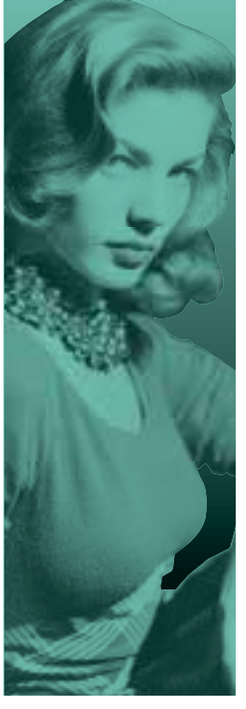
Start prepping those Ashton Kutcher/Mila Kunis birth announcements, folks, because it looks like we're in the home stretch. "She is scheduled to be delivering in less than one month and she cannot wait," a source tells the National Enquirer. And if that's not too much information for you, how about this? "Mila was going to do an all-natural birth with no medications or sedatives, but she has been advised against this because she is such a small girl," the source adds. "Ashton will not accept this and refuses to see her in pain."

2 CULTURE

1924-2014

Actress Bacall dies at 89

Legendary screen siren Lauren Bacall died Tuesday at 89 years old, according to the Humphrey Bogart Estate. Bacall, who was born in New York City, began her career as a model at 19 years old, eventually getting her first screen role in Howard Hawks' "To Have and Have Not" in 1944. She starred alongside Humphrey Bogart, who she would marry in 1945. The two remained married until Bogart's sudden death in 1957. The two were one of the most powerful couples in Hollywood throughout the 1940s and '50s, starring in films such as "The Big Sleep" and "Key Largo." Bacall was nominated for one Oscar in her career, for 1996's "The Mirror Has Two Faces."



Robin Williams gets respect

ROBIN WILLIAMS HAS PASSED AT 63. / FILMMAGIC

In memoriam. The passing of a comedy legend has galvanized the celebrity community.

After the tragic news of Robin Williams' death made its way across the country, tributes began pouring in from fans and friends alike. The Comedy Store on West Hollywood's Sunset Strip, where Williams was a longtime regular, quickly changed its marquee to read "RIP Robin Williams." The marquee of the Laugh Factory posted, "Robin Williams Rest in Peace. Make God Laugh."

Williams' star on Hollywood Boulevard has been decked in flowers. / AFP / GETTY IMAGES

While the countless comedians inspired and influenced by Williams might not have felt like being particularly funny Monday night, many were eager to share their memories of the comic giant. Conan O'Brien ended his show Monday night on a somber note, having just learned the news as he was taping with sidekick Andy Richter and guest Will Arnett. "We're thinking about everybody who he touched around the world, throughout his life," he said. "God bless Robin Williams."

On Hollywood Boulevard, fans quickly gathered to pay tribute at Williams' star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. In Boulder, Colorado, fans turned the suburban home used in exterior shots for "Mork & Mindy" into a makeshift shrine. Bereaved Boston fans took to the bench used in a scene for "Good Will Hunting," adorning it with chalk-written Williams quotes.

On Twitter

"No words." Billy Crystal

"Billy Crystal is right ... there are no words." Whoopi Goldberg

"My heart's broken. Robin was a beautiful, kind soul. Can't bear that he's gone. So incredibly sorry for his family." Minnie Driver

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Obama weighs in

West Wing salute

The outpouring of grief for Robin Williams' passing was near universal, with President Barack Obama adding his words to the growing collection of tributes. "Robin Williams was an airman, a doctor, a genie, a nanny, a president, a professor, a bangarang Peter Pan and everything in between. But he was one of a kind. He arrived in our lives as an alien — but he ended up touching every element of the human spirit," Obama said in a statement. "He made us laugh. He made us cry. He gave his immeasurable talent freely and generously to those who needed it most — from our troops stationed abroad to the marginalized on our own streets."

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DRAMA

‘Franklin & Bash’

The show featuring your favorite ’90s crushes returns, and the eponymous leads find themselves helping out an archaeologist. **SEASON PREMIERE, 10 P.M., TNT**

REALITY

‘So You Think You Can Dance’

It’s Michael Jackson night for the contestants, who appear alongside All Stars from previous seasons in front of guest judge and “Step Up” vet Jenna Dewan-Tatum. **8 P.M., FOX**

REALITY

‘Penn & Teller: Fool Us’

Magicians strive to perform magic tricks that can befuddle legendary magician team Penn & Teller. Tonight’s episode is ominously titled “A bellyful of needles.” **8 P.M., CW**

COMEDY

‘The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon’

Taylor Swift appears but isn’t the musical guest, so don’t get your hopes up for a “We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together” performance. **11:35 P.M., NBC**

LISA WEIDENFELD

Do you think Mark-Paul Gosselaar misses his blonde hair? / TRAE PATTON

The Dude really

Interview. Jeff Bridges has been behind the film of the controversial YA novel “The Giver” for ages.

Here’s that photo of Jeff Bridges and Taylor Swift from “The Giver” that you always wanted to see. / THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY

Lois Lowry’s 1993 hit young adult novel “The Giver” has a lot of die-hard fans, but possibly none more die-hard than Jeff Bridges — no, really. The Oscar-winning actor has been trying to get a film version of the book — about a future society where emotions and memories are controlled to keep the peace — for the past 18 years. Well, he finally got his wish.

You’ve been behind this film for a while. Is this a more personal project for you than some others you’ve done recently, would you say?
Yeah, I think so. I’ve been involved with it for

Playing it cool

Do you find that since winning the Oscar you’ve been put in the ‘serious actor’ niche?
Well, now I’ve kind of taken that strategy of playing things differently and thrown that out the window. Now I just jam and do whatever. I’m not too concerned about my career anymore. I’m just kind of playing. I try to resist being engaged in anything because I know what it takes. And that’s

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also been kind of my game plan, to kind of resist. So what happens is you get things you just can't resist because they're too cool, and that also has kind of served me well, I think.

about 18 years. I originally wanted to direct my father, Lloyd Bridges, in the film. As a matter of fact, somewhere we have a videotape of me doing just that. We read through the whole book; my dad played The Giver. Dylan, my brother's son, played Jonas, one of his sons shot it and my buddy Bud Cort narrated the whole thing. Hopefully we'll break it out for the DVD.

What would you say was the biggest reason for the delay in getting this movie made?

I think the challenge of creating that world, for one thing. And also, there's a certain danger element to the book. I thought it would be much easier than it turned out to be to get it made. I mean, 12 million copies sold in 21 countries, [it's] a Newbery Award-winning book, [it's] taught in schools — there are curriculums based on the book. ... But it's also on the banned books list, so it's quite controversial. A lot of people felt it was too risky for kids to know that. ... There are sexual themes in it, a little bit of violence, but nothing compared to other movies that are out today. And then you have the euthanasia element. ... I think that made the financiers question whether it would be accepted or not. [But] then movies like "The Hunger Games" — my understanding is that they were inspired by "The Giver" — [were successful]; their success really helped our movie get made.

Jeff Bridges once wanted to film "The Giver" with his father, Lloyd, as the star. / GETTY IMAGES

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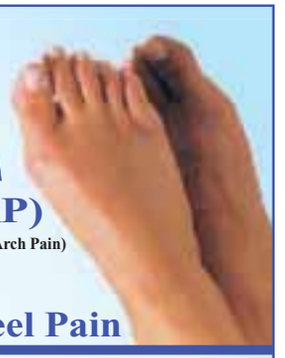

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It's not easy shooting green

Interview. Filmmaker Jonathan Liebesman wanted fun and seriousness in "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles."

Director Jonathan Liebesman consults with his pre-CGI Turtles cast. / PARAMOUNT PICTURES

South African director Jonathan Liebesman knew going into "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" that taking on such a storied and popular part of pop culture wouldn't be without its challenges. Chief among them? Even die-hard fans argue about what exactly counts as canon when it comes to Leonardo, Michelangelo, Donatello and Raphael. But then again, Liebesman likes a challenge.

How do you decide what's canon and what's not for this franchise?
For me, I was a huge fan of the cartoons and the movies. I didn't know a lot about the comic books until I met Kevin Eastman and read them. What was important were touchstones such as pizza and "Cowabunga," but their personalities were most important. There are those tropes, for sure. I think it's like a dysfunctional family that has to come together to save the world.

In the age of 'Man of Steel' and 'The Dark Knight,' you have to make sure audiences know this isn't meant to be taken seriously, right?
That's what I love about the Turtles. I feel like the stuff that I became a fan of was actually the parody of superheroes, the fact that they are so absurd — the combination of teenage, mutant, ninja and turtles is so ridiculous that we do want to laugh. And the more I got into the movie, the more I wanted it to be funny. ... I wanted to try and point out how ridiculous it is without undermining the world.

You have a battle on top of a skyscraper and actually show the debris hitting the ground below, which is oddly rare in an action films.
Those shots can be expensive, and studios often say, "No one gives a s— about those people down there." But actually, that was [producer Michael] Bay. It's very important for him to see the world being affected by the action; action doesn't happen without consequence.

Bonus question

Everyone's a critic

You've had to deal with online criticism at every turn with this project. How do you stomach that?
At least people care, and that's why they're s—ing on us.

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"The program was open to anyone willing to submit original music," says Fatima Kafele, media relations manager at the museum.

In June, the museum put out a public call for original work in all musical genres to accompany a five-minute, 40-second program of dancing water. The design was posted online for all contributors to use for inspiration and timing.

Happily, submissions were as diverse as organizers hoped. "We were very impressed with the level of creativity. Submissions ranged from classical and jazz to bossa nova and more. Some were accompanied by written music," Kafele says.

Ten tracks from multiple genres were selected by a committee of Brooklyn Museum staff, led by Callihan. Now, they're going to be performed live for the public in front of and in sync with the fountain, which plays on a continuous loop. The free performance begins at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 14.

That there is no single "winner" also reveals the true mission of the event. "On any given day, The Jane and David Walentas Fountain is teeming with members of the community," Kafele points out. "We would like this event to be a celebration of our Brooklyn Museum community."

Children get imaginative as they play in the fountain. / ELISABETH CALLIHAN

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Caroline's comedy

Make 'em laugh. This year, Carolines on Broadway hosts the 11th annual New York Comedy Festival. Here's why.

On Monday, tickets went on sale for the 11th annual New York Comedy Festival, which takes place Nov. 5-9. This year's lineup includes Maria Bamford, Hannibal Buress, Bill Cosby, Bill Maher, Nick Offerman and Amy Schumer. We spoke with Caroline Hirsch, owner of the stand-up venue Carolines on Broadway (www.carolines.com), who organizes the fest along with Comedy Central.

You've dedicated your life to comedy. Why is that?
Everybody loves to laugh. I'm no exception.

Why should comedy be categorized as an art?
Comedy is just as much an art form as theater, dance and art. It's a performance. It comes from the heart and the mind and the soul in the same way that other forms of entertainment do. People want to be entertained and moved by these various art forms.

How did Carolines on Broadway become the institution it is today?
When people think of ... comedy clubs, they think of the dark, smoke-filled rooms with the faux brick wall as a backdrop. When I got into the comedy business, I wanted to elevate the experience of seeing live comedy. I don't consider Carolines a "comedy club." It's more of a throwback to the old nightclubs of New York.

How did the comedy festival come about?
In 2003, we celebrated the club's 20th anniversary with a gala comedy concert at Carnegie Hall.

JERRY SEINFELD POSES WITH CAROLINE HIRSCH IN NOVEMBER 2013. GETTY IMAGES

After that, I had the idea to expand what we do at the club by producing the biggest names of comedy — who came through the ranks by performing at Carolines — and having them perform in NYC's most prestigious venues like Carnegie Hall, Town Hall and Madison Square Garden.

Why is live comedy so important?
Studies have shown that laughing can improve your health. ... Laughter helps to heal. Laughter helps take your mind off bad thoughts. I remember in the days after 9/11, when we had closed the club, people started to calling our box office asking when we'd be open again.

What are the features of a great stand-up set?
A great set displays the performer's unique personality. ... It engages the audience right from the start, holds them through to the end and leaves them wanting more. It also helps if the audience gets the jokes.

Robin Williams

What was your favorite guest or performance?

If I had to single out one, it would be the night Jeff Garlin was headlining. Toward the end of his set, he was interrupted by a drunken heckler. Jeff was very gracious in handling the heckler, but someone in the audience wasn't. From the back of the room, in a loud and thick Irish accent, someone started to heckle the heckler. It turned out to be none other than Robin Williams, who made his way up to the front and joined Jeff onstage. Jeff took a seat and Robin gave an impromptu stand-up set for about 30 minutes. The crowd went wild. It was very special and rare treat. ... We're very saddened by the tragic passing of our friend. [Robin] inspired a generation. [He was] one of the greatest comedians to ever live.

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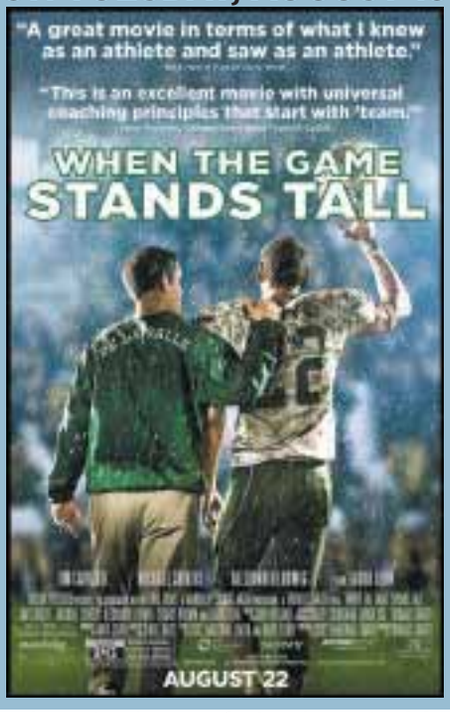
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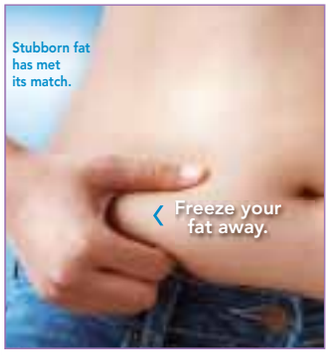

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Decorative glasses are a given, says Feldman. It's great to display really beautiful, fun, glasses. / ALL LIFESTYLE PHOTOS BY ONE KINGS LANE

Happy hour on wheels

Decor. Here's how to style a bar cart.

Bar cart essentials

- Decorative glasses
- A fun recipe book
- Beautiful cocktail napkins
- Candle and matches
- Fun straws: "Put these in a container and now you're creating different heights on the bar, which look interesting."
- Swizzle sticks

Maybe it started with "Mad Men" and our obsession with all things mid-century, or the fact that we just love cocktails, but bar carts have surpassed "trend" status to become a full-fledged design staple.

Of course, it's not enough to just throw a bunch of bottles on your cart. The trolley — like your curated coffee table — needs some thought.

We caught up with Susan Feldman, co-founder of one of our favorite decor sites, One Kings Lane, for tips on styling what's fast becoming our happy place.

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Top shelf

If you're going to have alcohol on it, display the pretty stuff, says Feldman. "You can find really beautiful bottles of whatever you like to drink, and those become decorative." One bottle she loves is St-Germain.

- "Use it after for orange juice or grapefruit juice and it looks really beautiful on the bar."

Three must-haves

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Not just for happy hour

Not a drinker? Don't let that stop you. "There are a million other uses for a bar cart, which is one of the great reasons to buy one," says Feldman. She suggests subbing the versatile piece in for a side table, placing potted plants on it for a mini interior garden or stashing that eyesore of an office printer on it. "It's great because you can place the printer at the bottom and make the top look beautiful."

Get creative

Think beyond booze. "Find a decorative object to put on your cart so it's not just about the bottles and the liquor," says Feldman. "It could be a sculpture or a piece of artwork." Also on her list: a lamp. "It creates a focal point on top of the cart."

PLUS

Expert tip

Containers

The trick to taking your cart from "meh" to Pinterest-worthy is containers, says Feldman (pictured). "Instead of laying out your bar tools, put them in a mint julep cup," she suggests. "When you contain things inside of things, everything looks a little more orderly."

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Housing. Luxury prices are hitting new highs in this borough.

When the penthouse condo at One Brooklyn Bridge Park hit the market in May, its asking price of $32 million bested the record for the borough's priciest listing by $2 million. The price also completely eclipsed the borough's priciest sale to date: a Brooklyn Heights townhouse that sold for $12.5 million in 2012.

"The price du jour seems to be going up for houses," said Ellen Newman, the Corcoran Group agent who brokered the townhouse sale at 70 Willow Pl.

Newman is now representing the seller at 192 Columbia Heights, a 7,900-square-foot house that's asking $16 million — a price that's also poised to shatter the current sales record if it fetches that amount.

The current priciest listings ranged from a $14 million Park Slope townhouse to the $32 million One Brooklyn Bridge Park penthouse.

Data shows Brooklyn luxury prices are hitting new highs. In the second quarter of 2014, the average price for sales in the borough rose to $2.53 million, up 32.6 percent from the prior year, according to Miller Samuel.

And the gap in price between the borough's most expensive listings and closed sales is poised to narrow, especially as a rash of new construction comes to the market.

"As the inventory is created, you can keep seeing those prices go higher," said Yuval Greenblatt, an executive vice president at Elliman. "As thresholds are broken, people feel more comfortable paying that type of pricing."

In fact, Brooklyn's priciest closed deal this past year, the College Place townhouse, sold for $3.8 million more than it sold for in October 2012.

Comparison

Still doesn't touch Manhattan

These Brooklyn dollar amounts are still far lower than record-setting deals (or even average deals) in Manhattan, where the $70 million sale of Edgar Bronfman's 960 Fifth Ave. penthouse in May set a new high for the most expensive co-op ever sold in the city. The average luxury sales price in Manhattan was $7.25 million in the second quarter, according to a Douglas Elliman report produced by real estate appraisal firm Miller Samuel.

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Market watch

Priciest

$80M

The most expensive property on the market this week is located at 1 Central Park South. Marketed by Dolly Lenz, this duplex has 12 rooms with five bedrooms, five and a half bathrooms and a private terrace with unobstructed views of Central Park and Fifth Avenue.

Least Expensive

$225,000

The least expensive property is a co-op located at 100 La Salle St. Marketed by Elliman, this 500-square-foot studio offers a windowed eat-in kitchen. The property is pet friendly and includes laundry, storage, parking garage and security.

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Tech trend: Style gets smart

Pauline van Dongen dresses for Oloid. / MIKE NICOLAASSEN

Fashionable gadgets. Battery running low? Plug your phone or tablet into your shirt.

A dress that can charge gadgets through solar energy, a hoodie that's acoustically transparent and sports underwear that monitors every bit of your health. No, we're not describing the wardrobe of a sci-fi movie. These are only a handful of "intelligent" clothes that are going to be part of our everyday life. They're happening right now and they are much more discreet than Google Glass.

According to a Nielsen's Connected Life Report survey from March, 48 percent of wearers are young — between 18 and 34 years old — and both men and women like the clothes. Despite the interest, however, fans are critical about the pricing. About 72 percent think the clothes are too expensive. So, while the market continues growing, the developers will have to create more readily accessible items.

One of the most recent creations is a collection of dresses by Dutch fashion designer Pauline van Dongen that offer not only a sleek minimalist look, but also a chance to charge your device on it. Small solar panels embedded in the clothing capture sun rays and convert them into power. The devices must be connected via a small cable found in a little opening in the dress.

Fascinated by the potential of energy from the sun, van Dongen founded a startup called Wearable Solar.

"I always wanted to mix fashion and tech, but in a sustainable way," she says. "They will help those who are heavy users of smartphones, devices whose batteries drop fast."

More smart clothes

Get an earful

The Audio Engineer's Hoodie is a top that promises to be the right "uniform" for audiophiles.

"It's such a simple technology arranged in a way that hasn't been done before," says designer Nic Pope.

The official launch of the Audio Engineer's Hoodie is slated for October. It will retail for $142.

Sportswear can be smart too

Sportswear is also cashing in on smart clothes. Since 2010, Sensoria has specialized in sports underwear that monitors your workout routine. All their items have e-textile sensors that can track activity and detect heart rate, force, pressure and calories. They can even identify injury-prone running styles. Prices range from $79 to $199.

Quoted

"I always wanted to mix fashion and tech, but in a sustainable way. [Smart clothes] will help those who are heavy users of smartphones." Pauline van Dongen, fashion designer

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Phablets: The phone-tablet hybrid

Phablets are not just a fad. The supersized smartphones have taken over Asia and have their sights on Europe and America, with Apple rumored to be launching their own smartphone-tablet hybrid.

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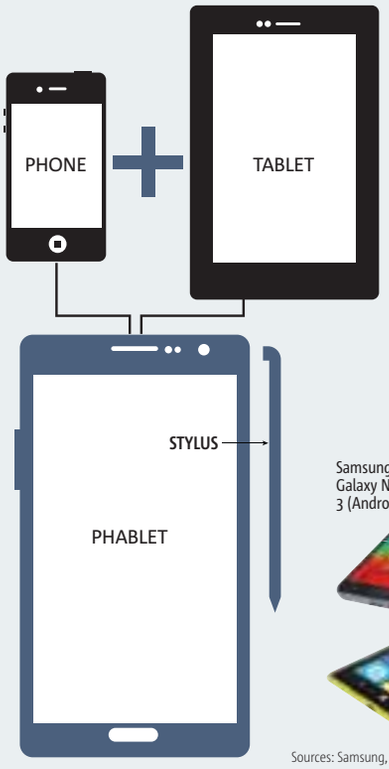

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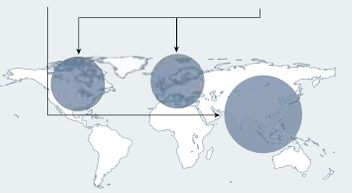

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THE RIGHT SNACK WILL KEEP YOU GOING

We all strive to stay sharp and focused throughout the day, but our blood sugar levels tend to drop in the early afternoon, taking a toll on our energy and mental performance.

Our natural response is to snack. But when we grab junky items, we set ourselves up to crash a few hours later, making our to-do lists (and added exercise debt) more difficult to conquer.

Strategic snack choices can boost your productivity and prolong your energy without threatening your waistline. An ideal midday snack should be:

By the numbers

200

Snacks should be no more than 200 calories. With a little extra effort, you can find plenty of energizing snack options at low-calorie costs. Keep in mind: A healthy snack can still cause weight gain when consumed in excessive quantities.

1 Rich in fiber and/or protein. They help stabilize your blood sugar — when that fluctuates, so does your energy. Foods that contain protein and/or fiber are more filling, too, so your appetite will stay in check.

2 Easy to carry and store. The right snack must also be the one you're able to keep one on hand at all times. If it's not within reach when your stomach growls, you're more likely to grab a less healthy alternative. (You may also feel obligated to stick with the healthy snack if it's sitting in front of you!)

Wondering which snacks fit the bill? Here are a few simple suggestions:

Seasonal fruit with Greek yogurt

Naturally sweet, fiber-rich fruits such as peaches, nectarines, cherries and berries make delicious complements to tart, protein-packed Greek yogurt.

Fresh produce and a quarter cup of hummus

Most veggies are high in fiber and low in calories, so you can munch away guilt-free. Baby carrots, grape tomatoes and sugar snap peas are great with hummus, which has protein and healthy fats for staying power.

Air-popped popcorn

Prepare some popcorn DIY-style: Add a quarter cup of kernels to a brown paper bag, fold the edge to seal and microwave on high for about two minutes. Mist with oil and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese or your favorite seasoning, like cinnamon or hot chili powder — for a tasty kick.

Keeping your blood sugar in balance is key to snacking, so lay off the ice cream. / GETTY IMAGES

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The famous faces of troubled minds

Robin Williams. Why do people who seem to have it all still struggle?

Fame doesn't take away the pain. It just pays the bills.
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On the screen and stage, Robin Williams was a frenetic blur of joyful energy and wit. But behind the smile lurked something we don't associate with celebrities: depression.

We tend to think famous people are immune to mundane problems such as depression and substance abuse, which Williams also struggled with. They have money, power and adoring fans. But it's not that simple, says Mandy Eppley, a professional counselor.

"Influence through affluence does not change the biological components of depression, nor does it change the emotional and spiritual aspects of depression," she says. "We have a superficial view: 'If you have good things, you shouldn't be struggling.' That is not the nature of the human journey."

In the case of mental illness, the trappings of fame can be just that, according to psychotherapist Dr. Jennifer Kunst. Creative people are especially vulnerable, even more 0so when fame finds them early. Nirvana's Kurt Cobain took his own life at 27, and child stars often make the news for their public struggles as their careers flag.

"As artists, they tend to be extremely sensitive by nature," Kunst says. "Such individuals can [be] harshly critical of themselves even when they're succeeding."

Relying on the feedback of others to assess self-worth is a precarious position for anyone, Kunst says. Bad news — a negative review, financial trouble or the winding down of a career — "can lead to tremendous anxiety. They may live under a constant worry that they could lose their success at any minute — and, with it, their sense of personal value," she says.

Although they're under constant watch by tabloids, we don't often see celebrities as human beings. "There's [a lot of] pressure to keep up a false front and little room for celebrities to feel that they can be regular people ... admitting their failures, learning through trial and error and seeking help when they need it," she says.

Visit **Metro.us** for personal stories of celebrities with mental illnesses.

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Statistics

Robin Williams actually typifies suicide, according to CDC data:

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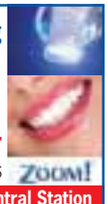
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- 2 collard greens leaves
- 2 ½ medium green apples
- ½ medium cucumber
- 2 stalks celery
- ½ medium lemon, peeled
- ½ medium lime, peeled

To make: Juice all ingredients.

Kale is way too hot right now

Shortage. Don't panic — besides, the "next kale" is already here.

Farmers have been planting kale in place of other crops as its popularity has risen. / BOSTON GLOBE

The demise of kale has been greatly exaggerated.

A recent report quoted a major kale seed farm in the Netherlands saying it had run out of every variety of the vegetable — and its insatiable popularity is to blame. But the pain isn't being felt locally just yet.

Ian Joskowitz, the COO of Westside Market NYC, says the grocer's 110th Street location alone sells 1,000 pounds of kale a week. Though its supply is stable for now, a shortage wouldn't be unprecedented — four months ago, the price of kale doubled for about five weeks. That spike was also caused by demand. "The sale of kale, just here, has at least quadrupled over the last two [to] three years," he said.

Kale has come a long way from the humblest origins. "Especially in the supermarkets, kale was used as a garnish when you set up, like, a fish display," Joskowitz says. "It was a throwaway vegetable. It's incredible what has happened to it."

Kale took off with the rise of juicing, where it was prized for its antioxidants and minerals. Since then, Westside Market has put it in everything, from soups to a Greek yogurt dip. "You almost can't go wrong. I don't think we've tried to sell kale in any form that hasn't been successful."

For NYC's homegrown Juice Generation, there's no worry. The juice bar buys upstate farms' entire crops of kale, with supplies secured through October.

Kale has been good to Juice Generation — there's a reason their chalkboard signs say "Kale is king." But founder Eric Helms is looking to the next big thing: collard greens.

"The nutritionists that I work with, and the people that help me develop our menu, we feel that collard greens are going to be the new kale," he says. "I think people are always looking for something new and something with more nutrition and different taste."

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♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Be cautious when dealing with financial matters. Revisit a deal that you dismissed in the past. With changes, you will be able to come up with a workable agreement.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Expand your interests. The more you learn, the easier it will be to reach your objectives.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Don't waste time trying to get others to do things your way. Focus on the projects that mean the most to you.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Show your leadership qualities. Staying in control will make an impact on those in a position to help you advance.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. You will get more accomplished on your own. Others may not share your vision. Consider looking outside your current location for better chances.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. You will be able to achieve all that you're hoping for if you exude confidence. A current associate will turn into a worthwhile partner.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Don't be afraid to try something new. Even if it's difficult, you have the ability to learn quickly. Extra cash is imminent.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Your avant-garde methods will help you deal with whatever comes your way. Don't underestimate the possibilities of networking.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Choose to be as inconspicuous as possible. If someone around you is in a fighting mood, take the opportunity to become immersed in small projects.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Use the people who care for you as reinforcements in your current struggles. Their support will help you overcome your opponents.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Get in touch with an old friend. It will ease your stress and help you find the perfect solution to any dilemma. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

RIP, Robin Williams

We have just lost Robin Williams. It is reported that he had suffered from severe depression and has apparently died by suicide. He truly was an icon in comedy and an actor as well. Robin could make you laugh and cry from his profound body of work. His wit and imagination were unequaled, and I don't think anyone can fill his shoes. A light has gone out, but he will be remembered for his iconoclastic routines that will live on. He suffered from depression, a most insidious disease, for many years, which is a painful, destructive ailment that has taken many lives. I understand this disease very well, for there was a time that I tried to take my own life. **FREDERICK BEDELL JR., VIA EMAIL**

Collecting is fun

Re: 'Delving into the strange world of local collectors' (Metro, Aug. 11) I enjoyed Monday's story on collections. To add to the list, I have collected match books from restaurants for as long as I can remember until they stopped making them, beer mugs, ash trays and shot glasses. My husband is into collecting trains. My daughter has a beautiful collection of the United Nation dolls and my son collects transformers. It's all fun. **CAMELIA CANEPA-ZIPPRICH, VIA EMAIL**

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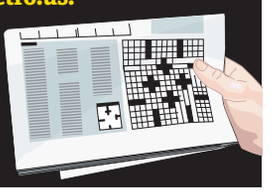

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10 Wig
14 Russell — of "Gladiator"
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16 Pre-college
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18 Historic ship
19 "Bootnose" of hockey
20 Forced through
22 Amazing bargain
23 Whole bunch
24 Foams
26 Derrick arm
29 Belly dance "must"
31 "Ben- —"
32 A Vanderbilt
33 Work with acid
34 Dwellings
38 B-movie pistols
40 Rye partner
42 Determination
43 Skulks about
46 Calculator key
49 Knicks' org.
50 Record
51 PDQ
52 Talk on and on
53 Go flat
57 Corner
59 Sweater fabric
60 Unpredictable
65 Kind of leopard
66 Dress length
67 Virgo's neighbor
68 Limerick locale
69 Arm bone
70 Fix a manuscript
71 Much-loved
72 Cookout
73 Pushed to the limit

Down

1 Injury memento
2 Met highlight
3 1040 or W-2
4 Big pitchers
5 Clear up
6 BLT
7 Journalist — Ducommun
8 Ivan of tennis
9 Grassy field
10 London hub
11 Playwright Edward —
12 "— — You Knocking"
13 Little brooks
21 Bug repellent
22 Ticket remnant
25 "Just as I thought!"
26 Ruins a nylon
27 Mrs. David Bowie
28 Eight bits
30 "Kundun" setting
35 Fender nick
36 Napoleon island exile
37 Sawmill discard
39 Less rosy
41 Hung-jury result
44 Zen riddle
45 Mil. noncom
47 DEA operative
48 Uniform adornment
53 Dewormed the dog
54 Bert's pal
55 Goddess of flowers
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66 Corsage flower

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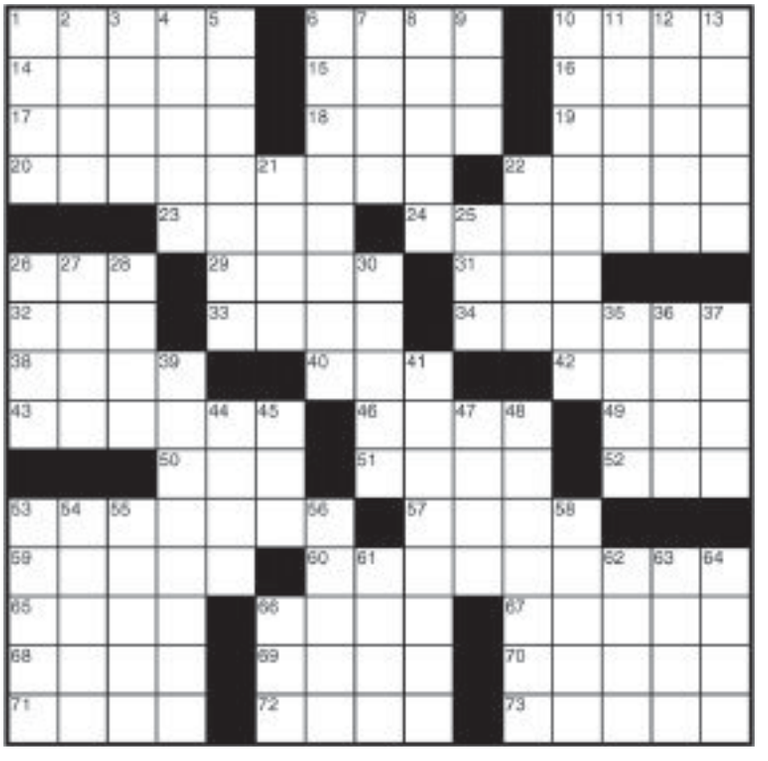

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3 SPORTS

Finally sealed

Ballmer officially owns Clippers

The NBA officially announced Tuesday that ownership of the Los Angeles Clippers has been transferred to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer for $2 billion. A California court confirmed Shelly Sterling had authority to sell the team on behalf of the Sterling Family Trust. Former owner Donald Sterling, her husband, is still expected to appeal the sale. He was banned for life by the NBA in April over racist comments.

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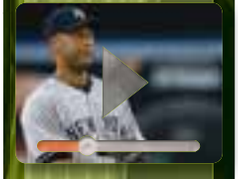

Find video and recap of last night's Yankees-Orioles game at: **Metro.us/sports.**

Beckham tags Giants offense as NFL's best

NFL. The rookie does not appear concerned with the newly installed offense's preseason struggles.

Beckham was the No. 12 overall pick out of LSU in May's NFL draft. / GETTY IMAGES

The Giants' first-team offense has scored just one touchdown in two preseason games, and rookie first-round pick Odell Beckham Jr. has yet to take a snap in either.

But that isn't keeping him from placing his team among the league's elite.

"It has potential to be, if not the best, one of the best in the league," Beckham said Tuesday. "When you have a receiving corps like we do and a great quarterback along with the backfield and the tight ends and much improvement from the offensive line, I don't see anything but being one of the best in the league."

Visit **Metro.us** to see Metro's top 100 fantasy draft rankings.

The Giants let longtime offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride walk at the end of last season and hired Ben McAdoo to install a new West Coast-style offense. The returns have been unimpressive so far.

Quarterback Eli Manning is 6-of-9 for 43 yards and has been sacked twice and fumbled once in the Giants' first two preseason outings.

"Monday night in Detroit [for Week 1], we need to be 100 percent ready to go," McAdoo said Tuesday. "We're not there yet. We're making small strides."

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Second-day jitters

ALLEN WAS BEATEN A COUPLE TIMES TUESDAY. GETTY IMAGES

Allen set to match up with Bengals

Antonio Allen wasn't as sharp on Tuesday as his first day as a cornerback, but he says he's more than ready to take up the role full time.

"All the [critics] telling me I can't play man [coverage], I can't cover tight ends and all that kind of stuff," Allen said, "[I'm] just proving them wrong, man. I work at my craft and being who I am."

Allen will have a stiff test in the Jets' second preseason game (Aug. 16, 7 p.m., CBS2) as he matches up with Bengals' Pro Bowl wideout A.J. Green.

"Well, if he can cover that kid, he can cover them all," head coach Rex Ryan said. "That guy is about as good as it gets." **METRO**

MLB power rankings | by Ryan Hannable

No. 1

Athletics (72-46)

Even with the A's dropping two straight, they're still at the top of the baseball world. Their plus-167 run differential is 83 runs more than the next closest team in the AL.

No. 2

Dodgers (68-52)

LA won its last two to open a five-game lead in the NL West. They have an impressive 38-25 record on the road this season.

No. 3

Orioles (68-50)

Winners of seven of its last 10 games, Baltimore opened a six-game lead in the AL East, the biggest division lead in MLB.

No. 4

Angels (68-49)

The Angels lost ground in both the division and wild-card races this past week as they've lost six of their last 10 games.

No. 5

Brewers (66-53)

Wily Peralta is quietly having a very good season as his 14 wins are tied for most in the National League.

No. 6

Royals (64-53)

KC is the hottest team in the game as it's won eight straight and nine of 10 to jump the Tigers for first place in the AL Central.

No. 7

Blue Jays (63-57)

Toronto has dropped seven of its last 10 to slip six games behind the Orioles in the AL East, but they're in the wild-card hunt.

No. 8

Nationals (63-53)

The Nationals continue their solid play of late to stay on top of the NL East over the Braves. They face the Pirates next.

No. 9

Mariners (63-55)

After a slow start in Seattle, Robinson Cano has caught fire. He is now hitting .333, the second-best mark in the AL.

No. 10

Pirates (63-55)

The Pirates have done what they needed to get back in the playoff picture after getting off to a slow start to the season.

No. 11

Tigers (63-53)

Pitching and defense have been lacking lately as they have allowed an average of five runs a game in their last six games.

No. 12

Cardinals (62-55)

St. Louis has slipped to third in the NL Central — three games behind the Brewers, but they are still in a wild-card spot.

No. 13

Giants (62-56)

San Francisco has played a few poor stretches of late and is in the midst of another as it has lost four straight.

No. 14

Yankees (61-57)

Their playoff hopes get slimmer by the day as they are three games out of the wild card, with two teams ahead of them.

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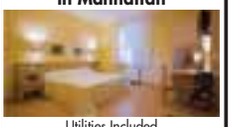

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